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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

We enclose a Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment which we have received from the Patent and Trademark Office. The Notice indicates that the amendment document is non-compliant because the "Amendments to the drawings" are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet" , "New Sheet" or "Annotated Sheet".

As discussed today with Mary Holmes in the Patent and Trademark Office, the drawings (actually sketches) which were filed with the amendment are not replacement sheets, new sheets nor annotated sheets. They are not part of the above-identified application. They were simply provided to help illustrate and explain the operation of the main reference (the Hummer patent) cited by the Examiner.